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SUBJECT

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Recently there has been a question concerning a specific ditch located in Cahokia which has been smoking. This ditch is located approximately 3/4 of a mile south of the Krummrich Plant, and 150' east of Route 3. It is south of Cerro Copper.

We do not find any association of the smoking ground which ties to Monsanto.

At this point in time, we know of no reason to suspect that anything associated with this incident is a result of our present or past operations or actions. In following up on this particular situation, we have uncovered the following items:

- 1) This whole area was a part of a drainage ditch where Midwest Rubber and Cerro Copper waste flowed.
- 2) There is evidence of a spongy-like material under the earth which appears to be rubber type compounds; perhaps rubber dust.
- 3) Analysis indicated no significant evidence of Phosphorus compounds of a sample taken at the spot. We also detected heavy oil-like material which on heating did emit fumes. There was no evidence of organic chemicals from WGK.
- 4) There is a suspected midnight dumper operation which occurred in this ditch area approximately one year ago for several months time period. It was stopped 12 to 14 months ago.
- 5) Recently the brush in and around the area was cut, piled in the ditch and set on fire. This occurred about 2-1/2 weeks ago.

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We do plan to communicate to the EPA our data on analysis of the one sample we took. I'm sure it is not conclusive by any means, but it should erase from people's minds that it was Monsanto oriented.

At this time we plan no further follow up.

  
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